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Observation of the single top production at the Tevatron



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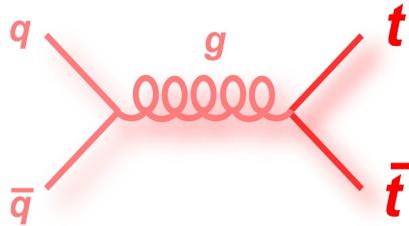
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Outline

- Motivation
- Signal and background
- Event selection
 - Systematic uncertainties
- Statistical analysis
 - Cross section extraction
 - Significance calculation
- Multivariate Methods
 - Dedicated talks by A.Heinson, C.Gerber, M.Pangilinan (D0) and B.Casal (CDF) in this session
- Combination
- $|V_{tb}|$ measurement
- Summary and outlook

The Top quark

Discovered in March 1995



$$\sigma_{\text{NLO}} = 6.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ pb @175 GeV}$$

N.Kidonakis et. al., M.Cacciari et. al.,
S.Moch, P.Uwer et.al.

- Main mechanism
- Distinct signature
- Thoroughly studied
- All knowledge comes from strong production

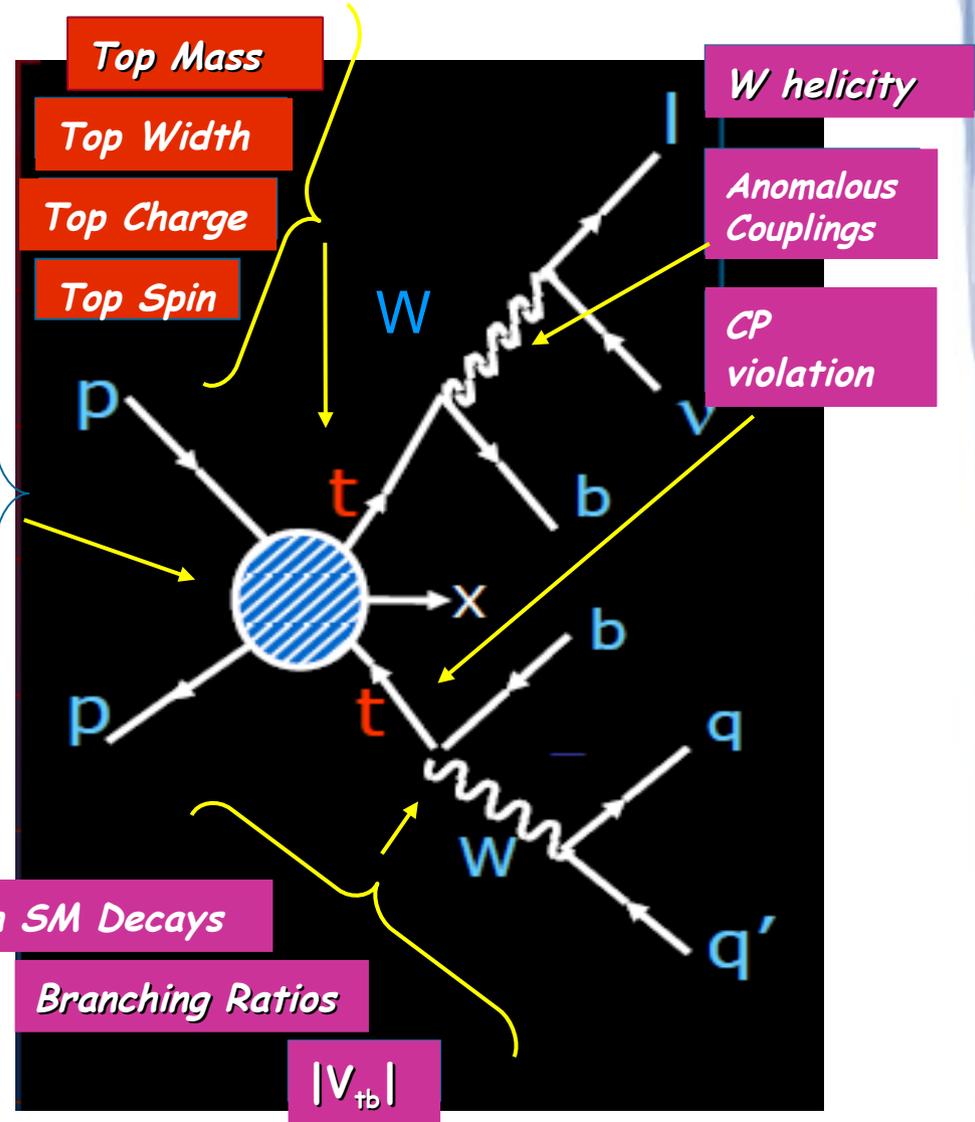
Production cross section

Production mechanism

Resonant production

Production kinematics

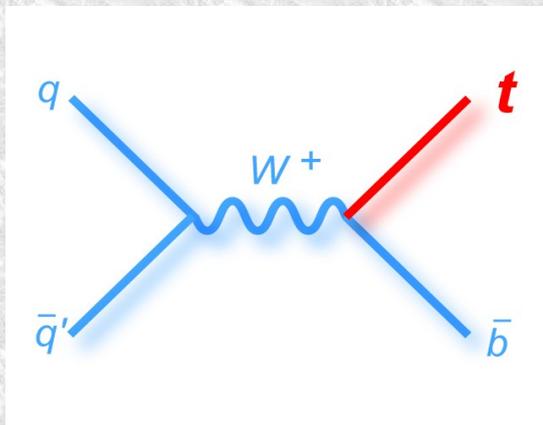
Top charge asymmetry



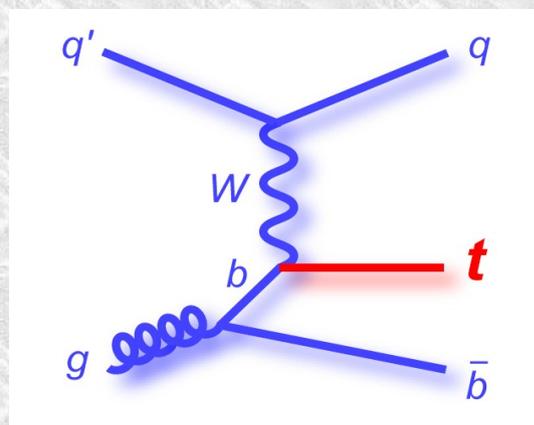
Electroweak production

- Predicted 10 years before top quark discovery
 S.Willenbrock, D. Dicus, *Phys. Rev. D* 34, 155 (1986); S Cortese and R Petronzio, *PLB* 253, 494 (1991)
- Observed 14 years after top quark discovery...

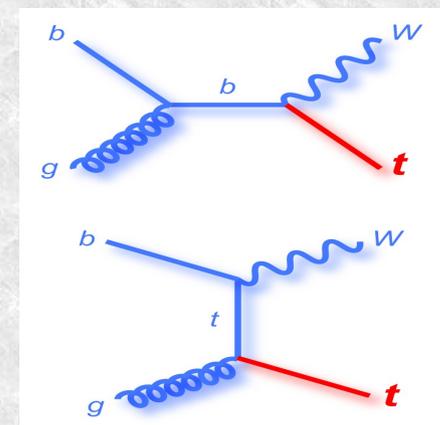
s-channel (tb)



t-channel (tqb)



Wt channel



m_t (GeV)

175	σ_{NLO}	0.88 ± 0.11 pb	1.98 ± 0.25 pb
170	$\sigma_{(\text{N})\text{NLO}}$	1.12 ± 0.05 pb	2.34 ± 0.13 pb

Z. Sullivan, *Phys. Rev. D* 70, 114012 (2004)

N. Kidonakis, *Phys. Rev. D* 74, 114012 (2006)

**Small at Tevatron
Important for LHC**

In observation analysis CDF (D0) assumes $m_t = 175$ (170) GeV

Long way to discovery



- Search: PRD 63, 031101 (2000)
- Search: PLB 517, 282 (2001)

- Search: PLB 622, 265 (2005)
- W': PLB 641, 423 (2006)
- Search: PRD 75, 092007 (2007)
- Evidence: PRL 98, 181802 (2007)
- FCNC: PRL 99, 191802 (2007)
- W': PRL 100, 211802 (2007)
- Evidence: PRD 78, 012005 (2008)
- Wtb: PRL 101, 221801 (2008)
- Wtb: PRL 102, 092002 (2009)
- H[±]: (PRL) arXiv:0807.0859
- Observation: (PRL) arXiv:0903.0850

Run I

Run II



- Search: PRD 65, 091102 (2002)
- W': PRL 90, 081802 (2003)
- Search: PRD 69, 052003 (2004)

- Search: PRD 71, 012005 (2005)
- Evidence: PRL 101, 252001 (2008)
- FCNC: (PRL) arXiv:0812.3400
- W': (PRL) arXiv:0902.3276
- Observation: (PRL) arXiv:0903.0885

Single Top Cross Section	Signal Significance		CKM Matrix Element V_{tb}
	Expected	Observed	
December 2006 DØ (0.9 fb⁻¹)			PRL 98, 181802 (2007)
4.7 ± 1.3 pb	2.3σ	3.6σ	$ V_{tb}f_1^L = 1.31^{+0.25}_{-0.21}$ $ V_{tb} > 0.68$ at 95% CL
September 2008 CDF (2.2 fb⁻¹)			PRL 101, 252001 (2008)
2.2 ± 0.7 pb	4.9σ	3.7σ	$ V_{tb}f_1^L = 0.88^{+0.13}_{-0.12}$ $ V_{tb} > 0.66$ at 95% CL

The Tevatron

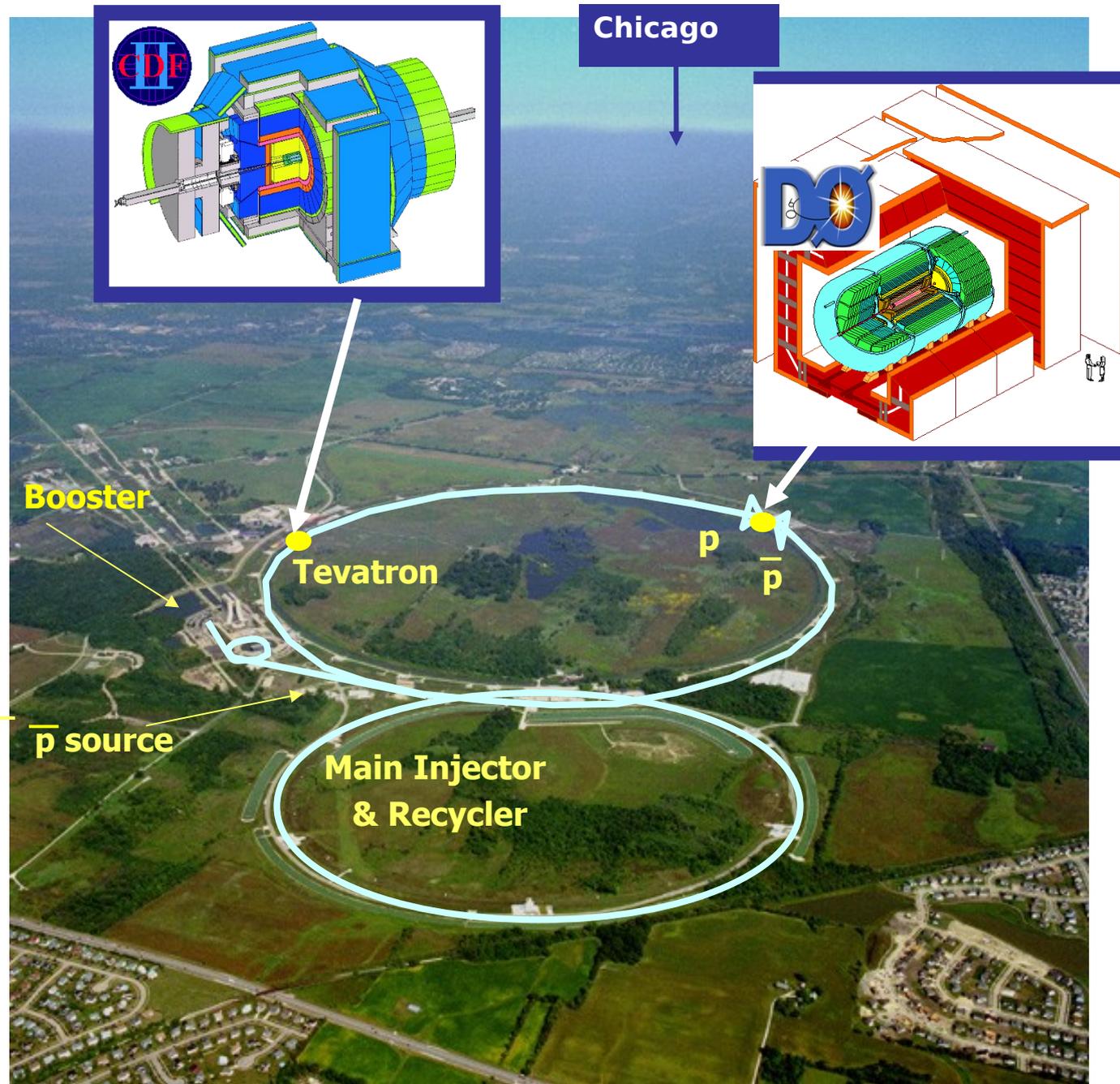
- The highest energy particle accelerator in the world
- Proton-antiproton collider with $\sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$

Run I 1992-1995

Top quark discovered!

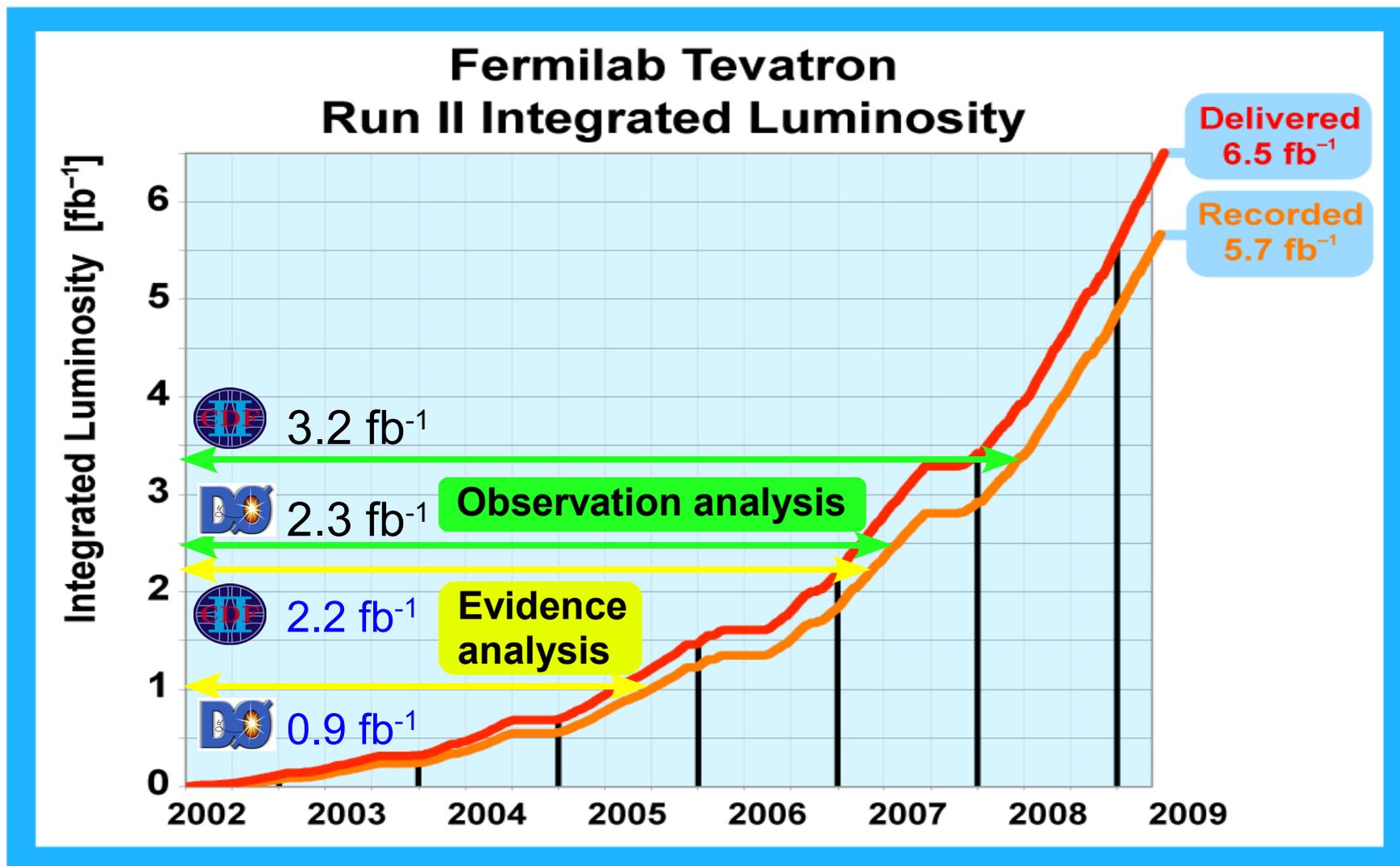
Run II 2001-11(?)

Single top quark discovered!



Climbing to the top...

Outstanding performance of the Tevatron! **THANK YOU!**



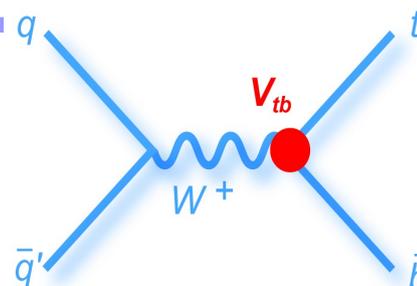
What will we learn?

Access to W - t - b vertex

- Probe V-A structure
- Top quark spin

Direct measurement of $|V_{tb}|^2$

- Test unitarity of CKM matrix
- Is it 3×3 matrix?
- Is 4th generation possible?



$$\sigma \propto |V_{tb}|^2$$

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} & V_{uX} ? \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} & V_{cX} ? \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} & V_{tX} ? \\ V_{Yd} ? & V_{Ys} ? & V_{Yb} ? & V_{YX} ? \end{pmatrix}$$

Small mixing with 4th family is favored
Quite large mixing is still not excluded

Constraints:

tree-level 3×3 CKM elements

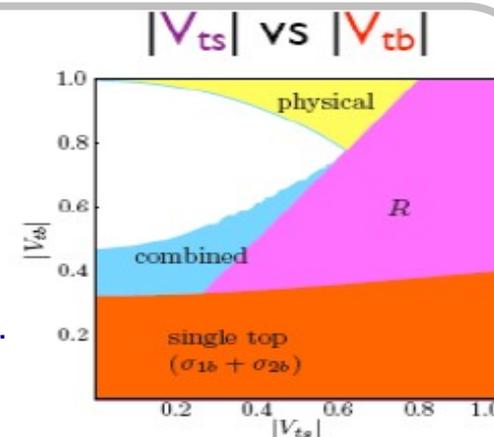
FCNC processes (K -, D -, B_d -, B_s -mixing, $b \rightarrow s$)

Assumption: unitary 4×4 CKM matrix

A. Lenz et al. in arXiv 0902.4883 [hep-ph]

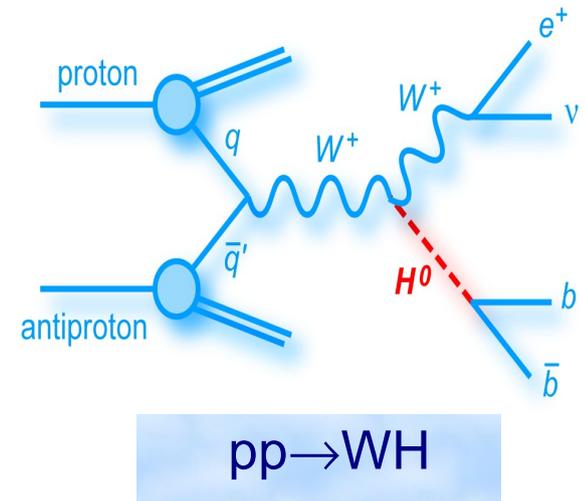
Combination of R_b and s - & t -channel cross sections

J. Alwall et. al., Eur. Phys. J. C49 791 (2007):

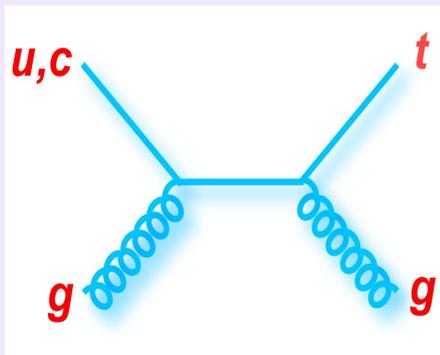


SM and beyond

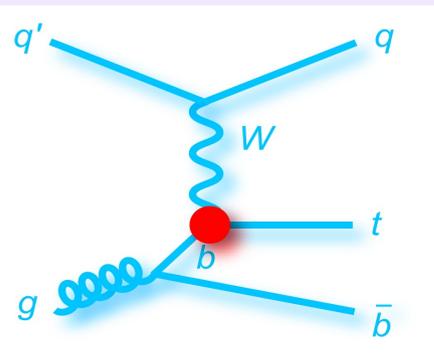
- Milestone for Higgs search in WH channel
 - Same signature, 10 times smaller σ
 - Background to Higgs search
- s- and t-channels are sensitive to different processes **beyond the standard model**



t-channel

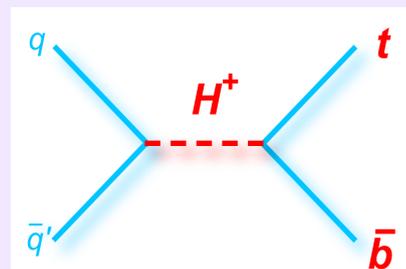
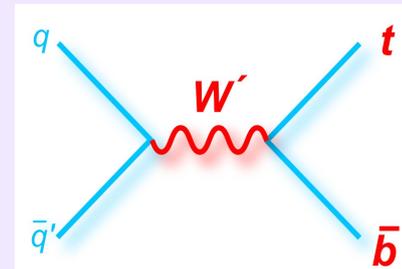


FCNC ($ug \rightarrow t$)



Anomalous couplings

s-channel

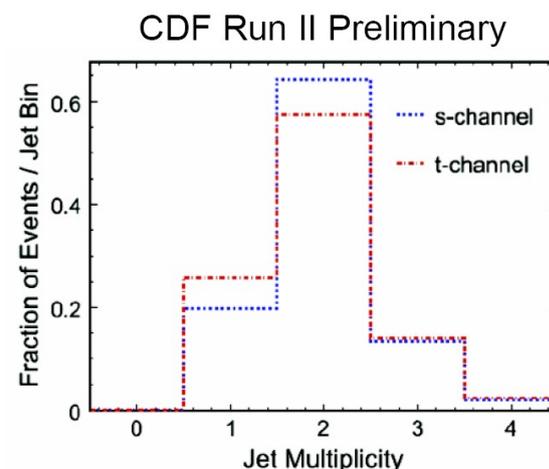
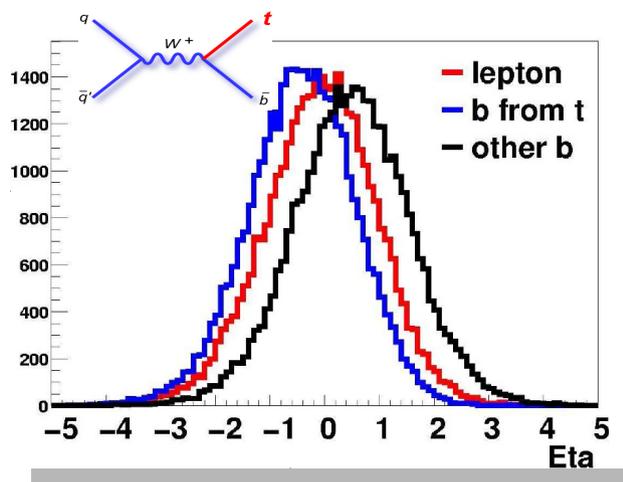


Signal

s-channel

2 b -jets

Top quark decay products and the b tend to be all central



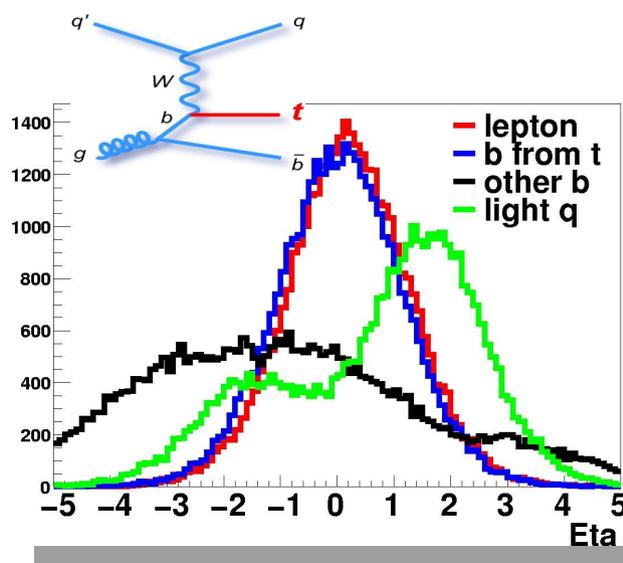
t-channel

2 b -jets and one light

One of b 's tends to be very close to the beam pipe

No striking signatures as for $t\bar{t}$

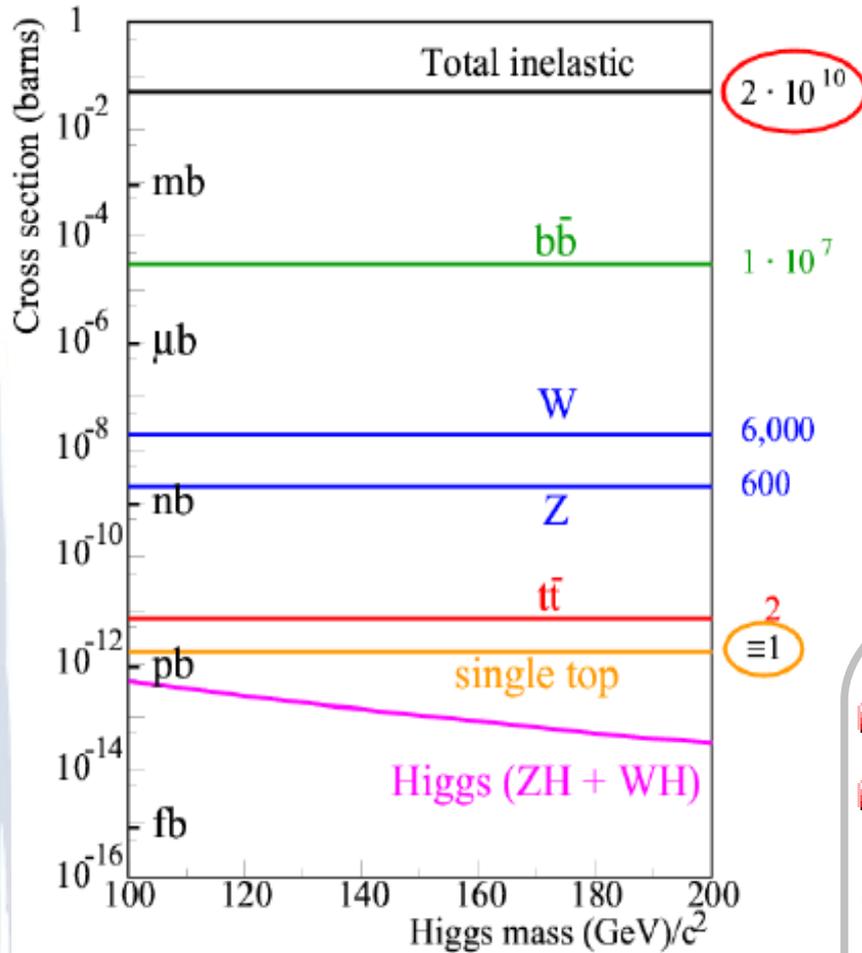
Signal and background distributions look similar



Simulated with

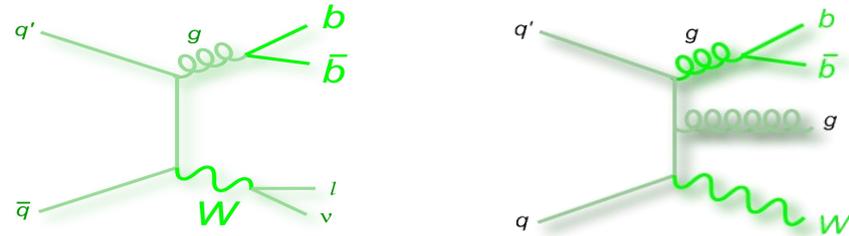
- CompHEP–SingleTop (D0)
- MadEvent (CDF)
- Matching of LO and NLO calculations

Backgrounds



Other small backgrounds:
Z+ jets, diboson – from MC

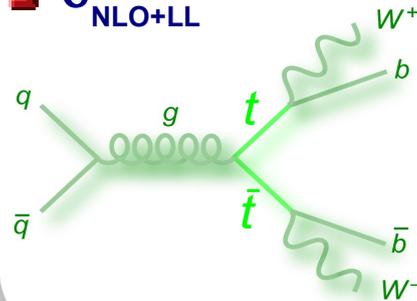
W+jets – dominant background



- Large cross section
- Shapes from Alpgen+Pythia MC
- Normalization and heavy flavor fractions from data

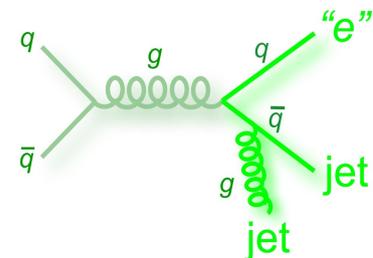
Top pairs

- Alpgen or Pythia
- $\sigma_{\text{NLO+LL}}$



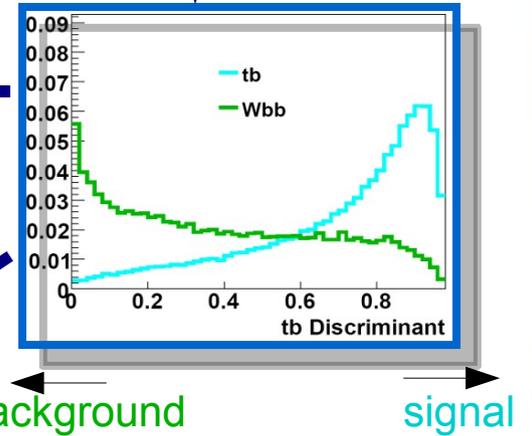
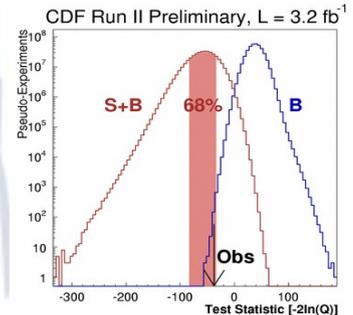
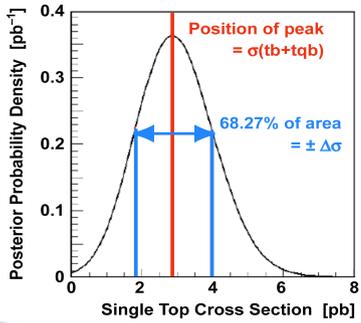
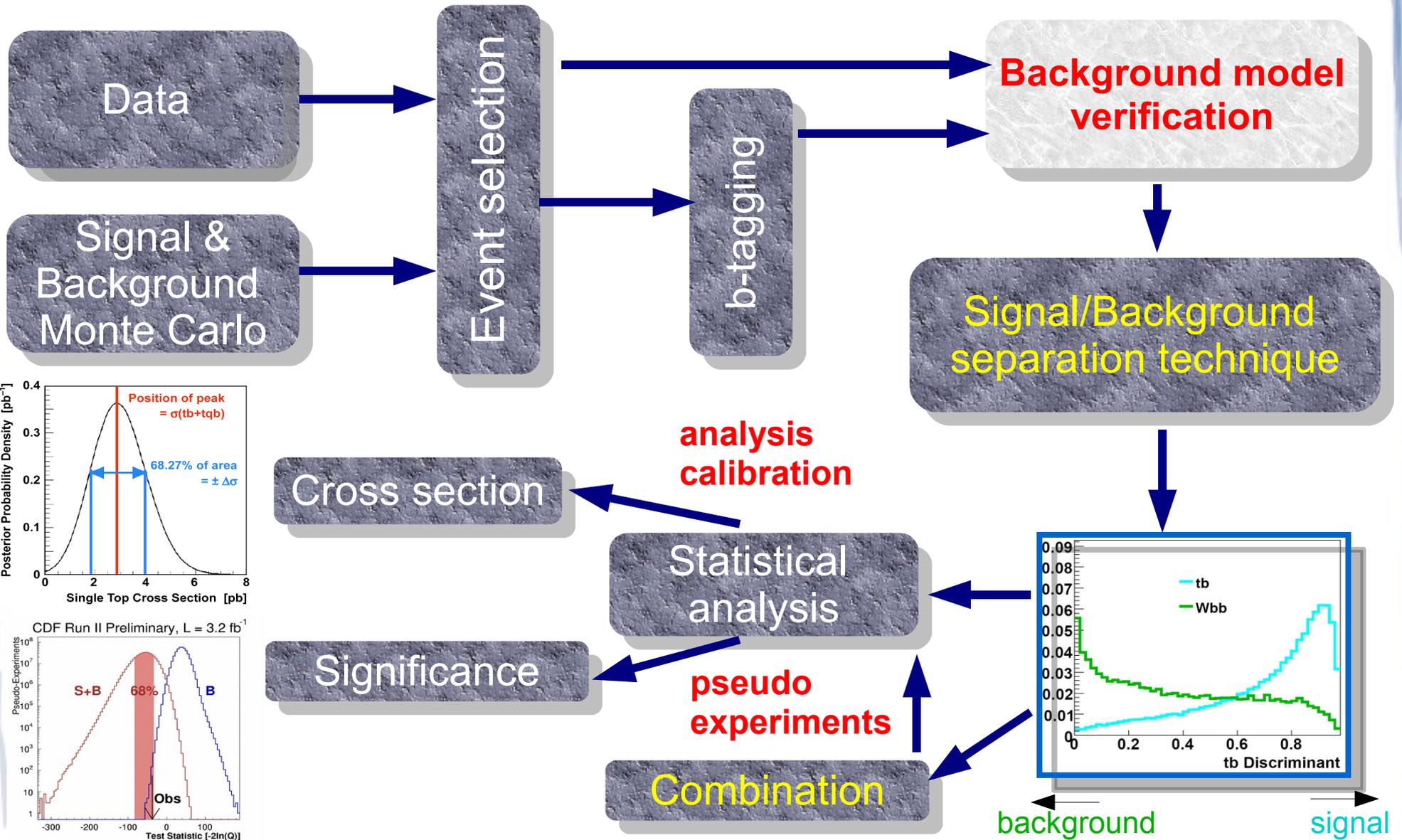
Multijet (instrumental)

- Jet misidentified as electron
- Muon in jet appears isolated
- From data





Building blocks

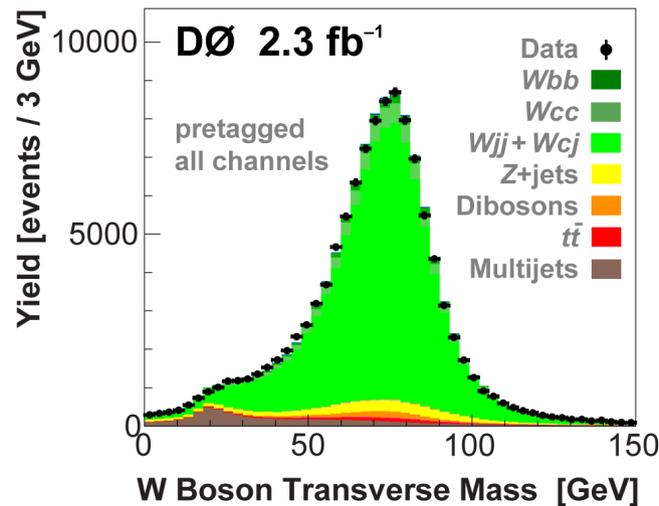
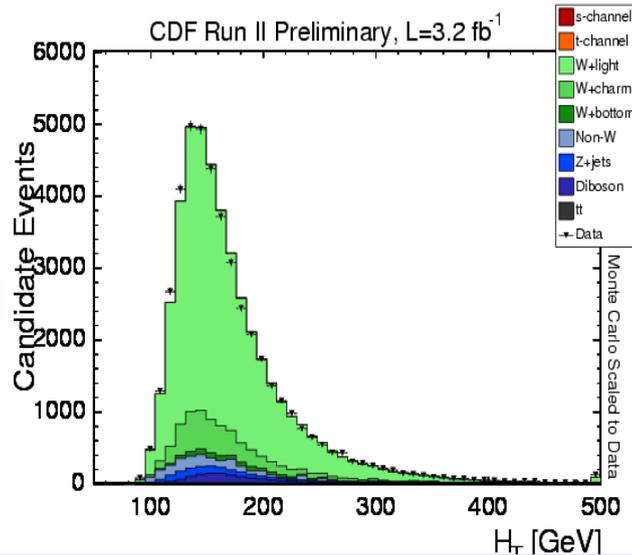
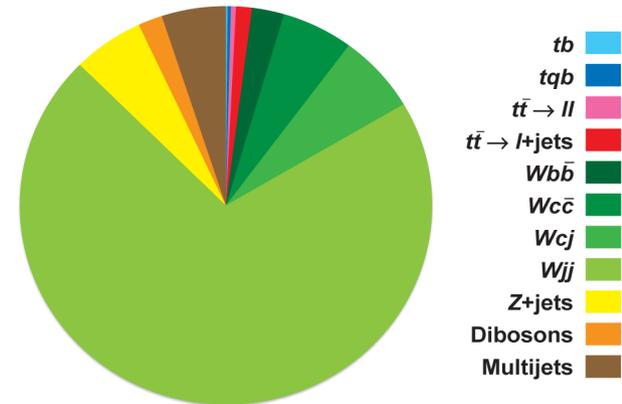


Selection I (l+jets)

Starting S:B = 1:10⁹

- Single lepton (e, μ) & MET+ jets triggers
- One high p_T lepton
- MET and 2-4 (D0), 2-3 (CDF) high p_T jets
- Cuts to suppress multijet background
- Veto to suppress Z and $t\bar{t}$

DØ Single Top 2.3 fb⁻¹ Signals and Backgrounds
(All channels combined, before b-tagging)



- Verify background model before b-jet tagging
- Dominated by W+ light jets

Selection II: *b*-tagging (l+jets)



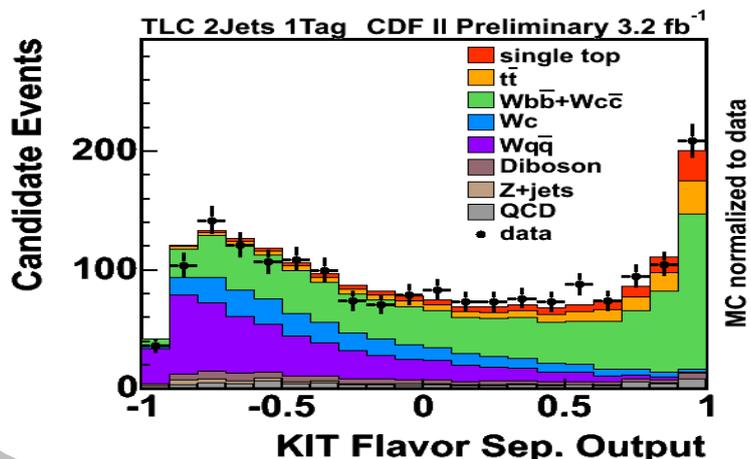
NN tagger

- 1 tight tag (40/9/0.4% *b/c/light*) or
- 2 loose (50/14/1.5% *b/c/light*)
- 1 SVX tag
- 50/9/0.5÷1.0% *b/c/light*

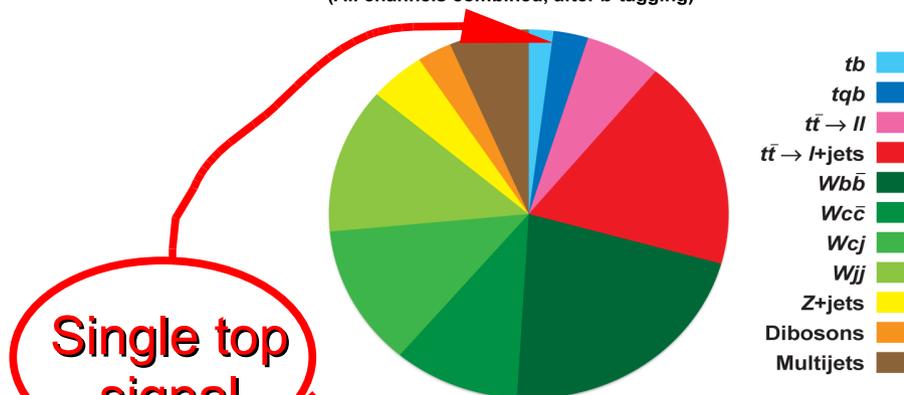


Additional flavor separation

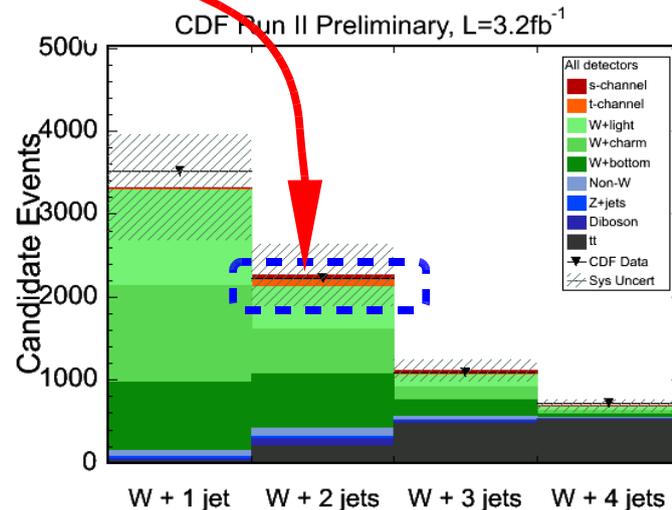
- NN trained with 25 input variables
- Continuous variable
- Improves sensitivity by 10-15%



DØ Single Top 2.3 fb⁻¹ Signals and Backgrounds
(All channels combined, after *b*-tagging)



Single top signal



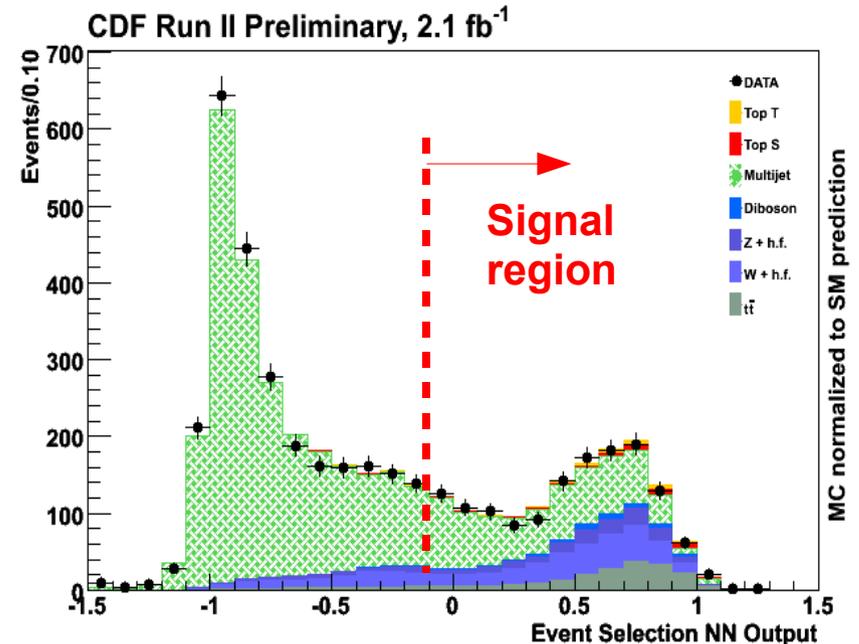
Signal is smaller than the background uncertainty



Selection II – MET+ jets

New channel

- Recover non-fiducial leptons and hadronic τ decay
 - Orthogonal to lepton+jets
 - MET+ jets trigger
 - Huge instrumental background from QCD multijets
 - MET > 50 GeV and veto leptons
 - $E_T > 35$ (25) GeV 1st (2nd) jet
 - At least 1 b -tag
 - NN to suppress multijet bckg
- Signal region: ANN > -0.1
Control region: ANN < -0.1



Quantity	Pre-selection	After QCDNN cut	Difference
Signal (S)	75	68	-9%
QCD Background	2960	675	-77%
Total Background (B)	3840	1350	-65%
$S/\sqrt{S+B}$	1.2	1.8	+50%
S/B	1/50	1/20	+150%



Improvements

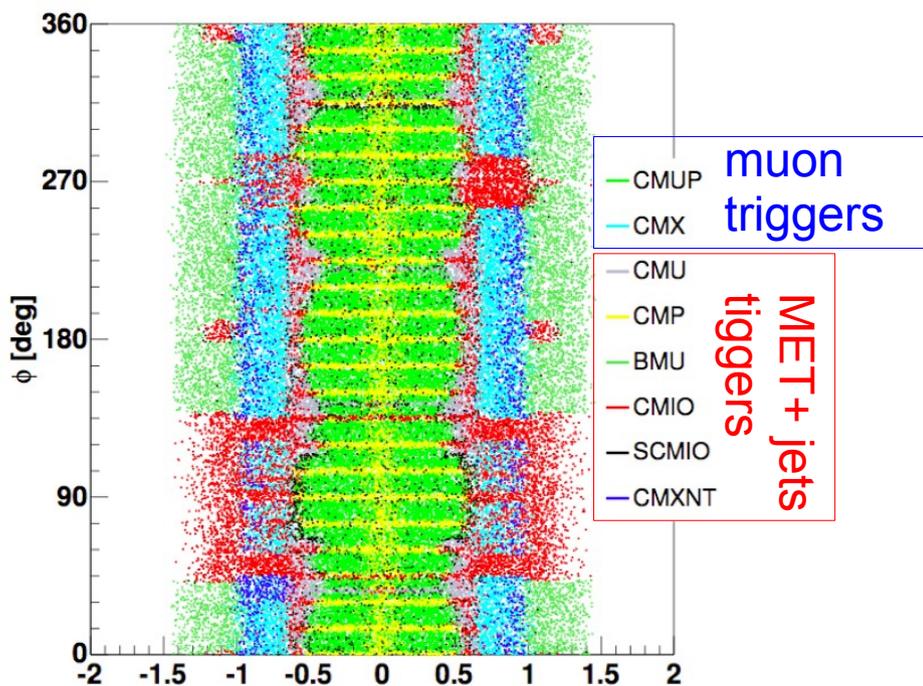


- 3.2 fb⁻¹ (2.2–2.7 fb⁻¹ in summer)

- Extended muon coverage

 - 30% gain in muon acceptance

 - 10-14% gain in sensitivity



- Additional channel MET+ jets

 - 33% increase of acceptance

- Separate s- and t-channel searches

- 2.6 times more data (2.3 fb⁻¹)

- 18% larger acceptance

 - Logical OR of many triggers

 - Looser cuts on 2nd jet and muon p_T

 - Increased |η| for 1st jet (2.5 → 3.4)

 - Looser b-tagging requirements for 2 b-tag events

- Additional cuts to reduce background

- Improved (more detailed) background modeling

 - Data-based corrections to Alpgen model of W+jets

- Improved treatment of multijet background



Yields

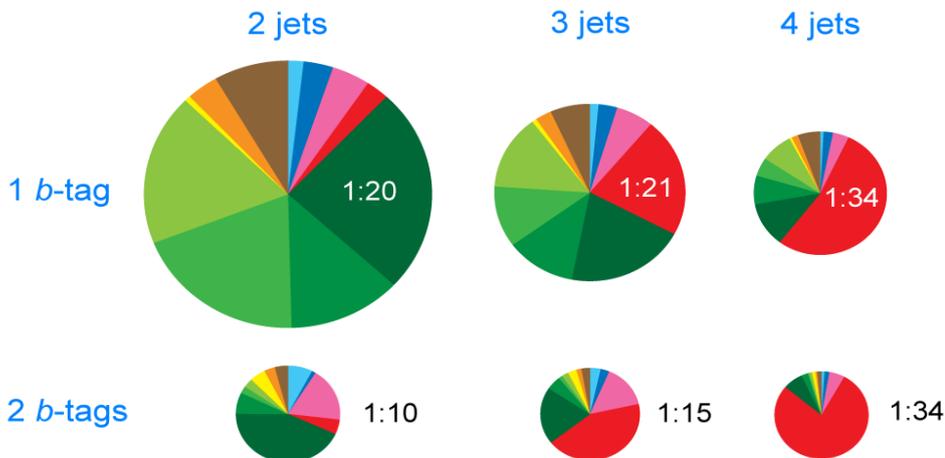


Event Yields in 2.3 fb ⁻¹ of DØ Data	
e,μ, 2,3,4-jets, 1,2-tags combined	
<i>tb + tqb</i>	223 ± 30
W+jets	2,647 ± 241
Z+jets, dibosons	340 ± 61
<i>t\bar{t}</i> pairs	1,142 ± 168
Multijets	300 ± 52
Total prediction	4,652 ± 352
Data	4,519

**255 events
for $m_t=175$**

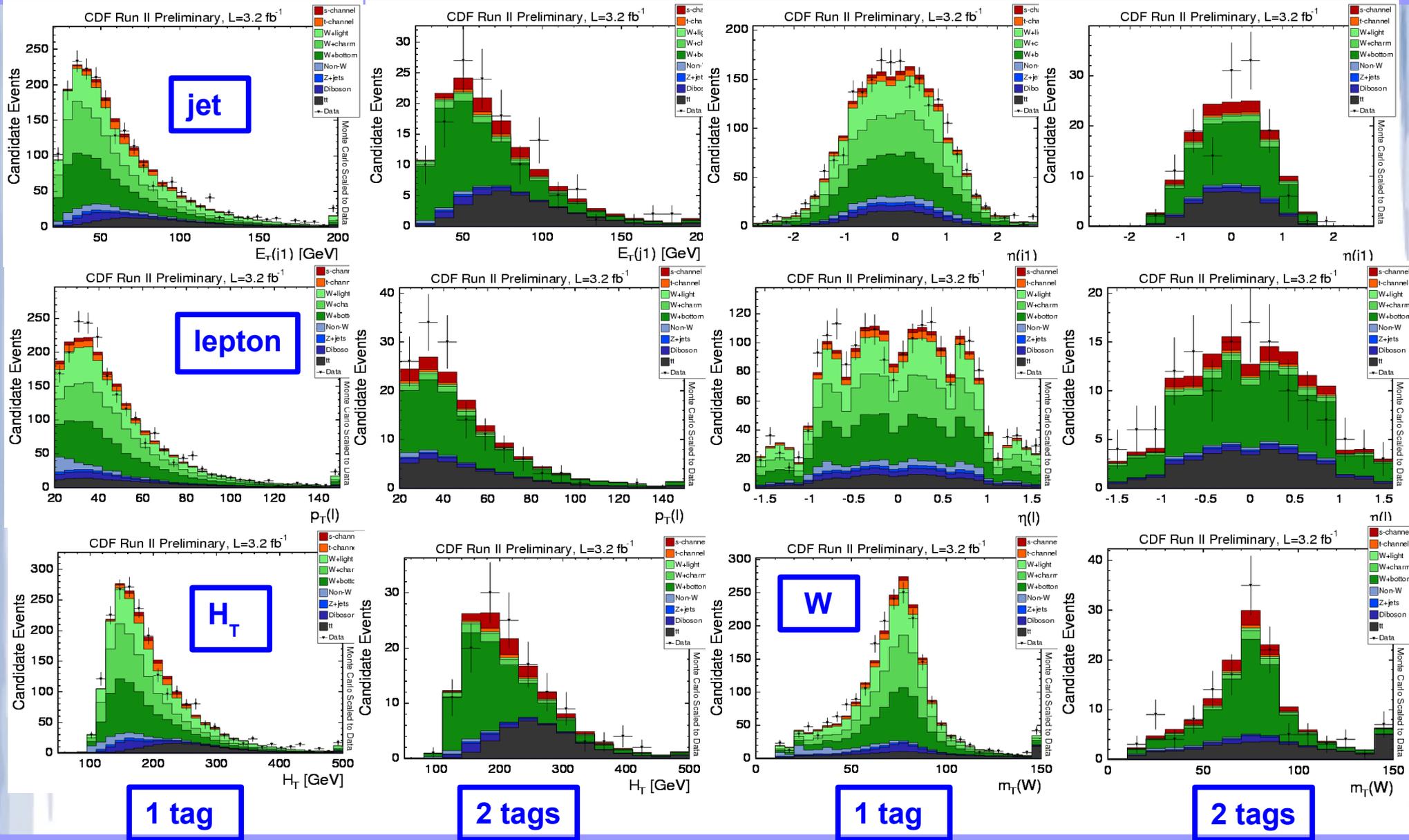
for $m_t=170$

Process	$\ell + \cancel{E}_T + \text{jets}$	$\cancel{E}_T + \text{jets}$
<i>s</i> -channel signal	77.3 ± 11.2	29.6 ± 3.7
<i>t</i> -channel signal	113.8 ± 16.9	34.5 ± 6.1
<i>W + HF</i>	1551.0 ± 472.3	304.4 ± 115.5
<i>t\bar{t}</i>	686.1 ± 99.4	184.5 ± 30.2
Z+jets	52.1 ± 8.0	128.6 ± 53.7
Diboson	118.4 ± 12.2	42.1 ± 6.7
QCD+mistags	777.9 ± 103.7	679.4 ± 27.9
Total prediction	3376.5 ± 504.9	1404 ± 172
Observed	3315	1411



- S:B ratios from 1:10 to 1:34 depending on number of jets and tags
- Most powerful channel - 2 jet, 1 tag – S:B ~ 1:20
- Keep channels separately in the analysis

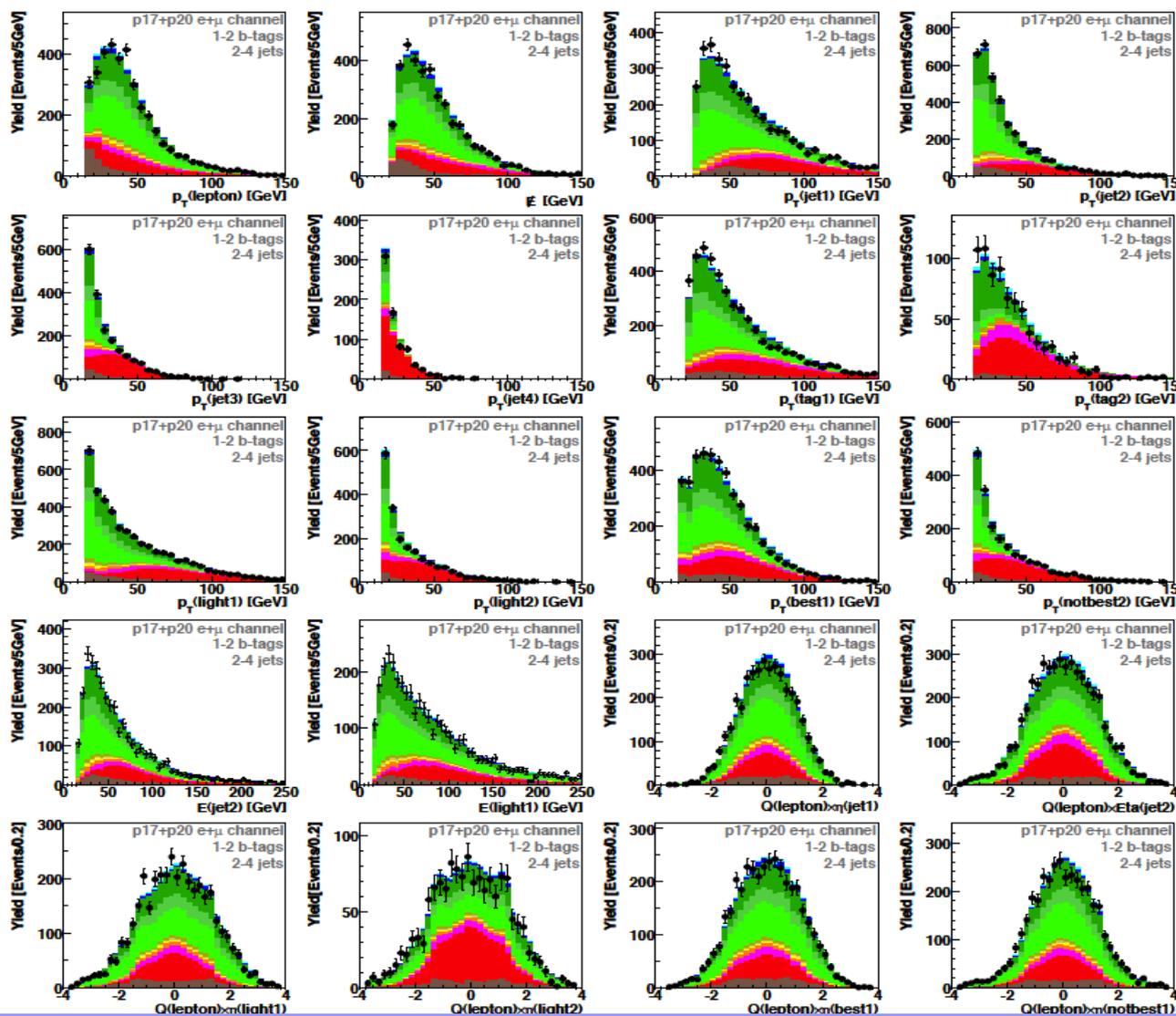
Background model validation



Background model validation



SINGLE OBJECT KINEMATICS



Check thousands of distributions to verify background model before and after tagging

Several classes of variables used in discriminants

- Single object kinematics
- Event kinematics
- Jet reconstruction
- Top quark reconstruction
- Angular correlations



Systematics



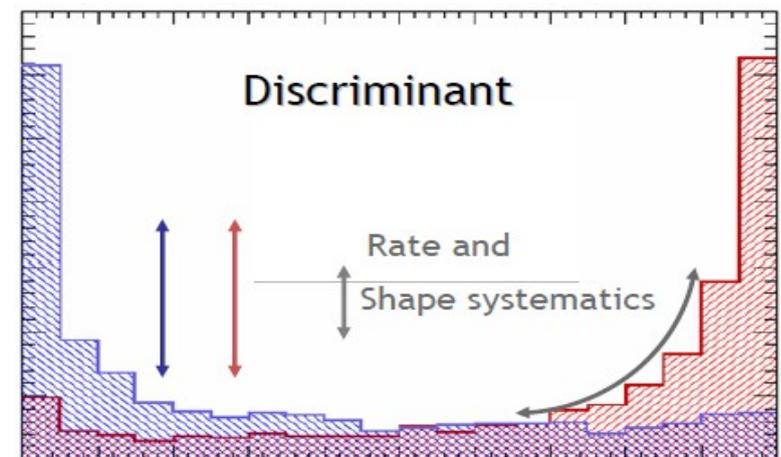
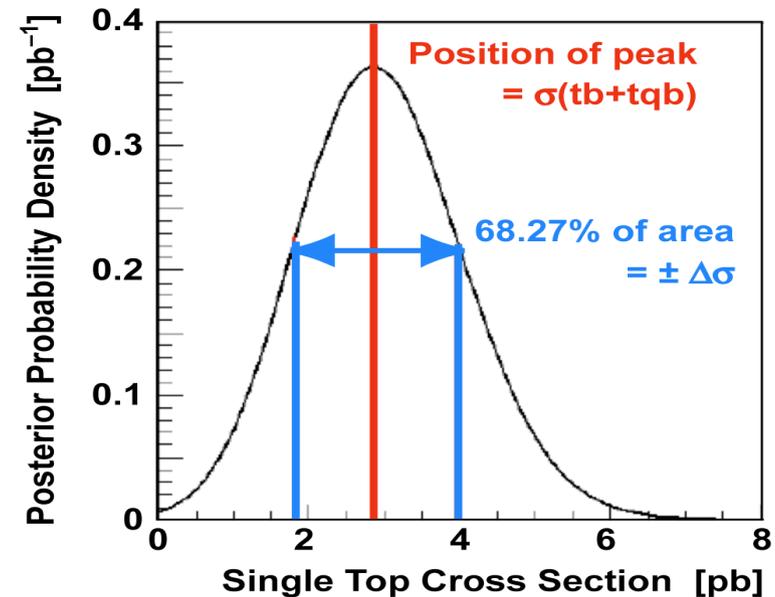
- Statistically limited measurement
- But systematics is important
- Affects normalization and shapes
- Estimated for each background and signal source in each analysis channel
- Background uncertainty dominates

Systematic Uncertainties	
Ranked from Largest to Smallest Effect on Single Top Cross Section	
$D\emptyset$ 2.3 fb ⁻¹	
Larger terms	
<i>b</i> -ID tag-rate functions (includes shape variations)	(2.1–7.0)% (1-tag) (9.0–11.4)% (2-tags)
Jet energy scale (includes shape variations)	(1.1–13.1)% (signal) (0.1–2.1)% (bkgd)
W+jets heavy-flavor correction	13.7%
Integrated luminosity	6.1%
Jet energy resolution	4.0%
Initial- and final-state radiation	(0.6–12.6)%
<i>b</i> -jet fragmentation	2.0%
<i>t</i> \bar{t} pairs theory cross section	12.7%
Lepton identification	2.5%
W _{bb} /W _{cc} correction ratio	5%
Primary vertex selection	1.4%

Systematic Uncertainty	Rate	Shape
Jet Energy Scale	0...10%	✓
Initial + Final State Radiation	0...15%	✓
Parton Distribution Functions	2...3%	✓
Monte Carlo Generator	1...5%	
Event Detection Efficiency	0...9%	
Luminosity	6%	
Neural Net B-tagger		✓
Mistag Model		✓
Q ² scale in ALPGEN MC		✓
Input variable mismodeling		✓
W _{bb} +W _{cc} normalization	30%	
W _c normalization	30%	
Mistag normalization	17...29%	
t \bar{t} normalization & m _{top}	23%	✓

Cross section

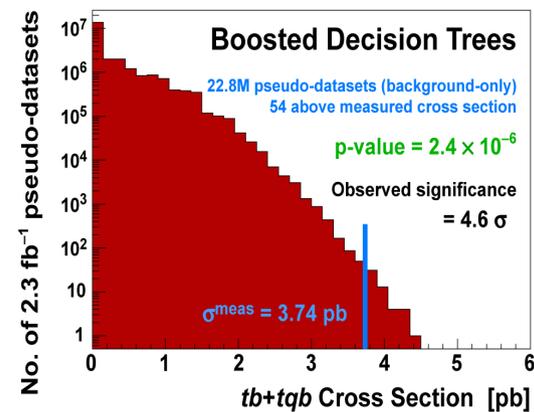
- Discriminant outputs (from each analysis channel separately) are used to measure cross section
- Build **Bayesian probability** density with flat nonnegative prior for the cross section
- Peak of posterior distribution gives the cross section, 68% interval gives the uncertainty
- Shape and normalization systematic uncertainties are treated through nuisance parameters with Gaussian distribution
 - Correlations are properly taken into account



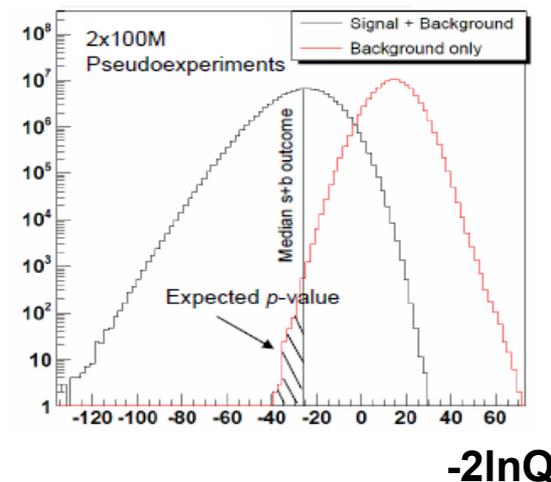
Statistical analysis

- Build ensembles of pseudo-data
 - Includes signal and background events or background only
 - Includes all systematic uncertainties
- Purpose before data
 - Test performance of different methods
 - Measure expected cross section uncertainty
 - Expected significance
- With data
 - Consistency of the measured cross section with the SM
 - Observed significance

Significance – probability of the upward background fluctuation that gives observed result in data



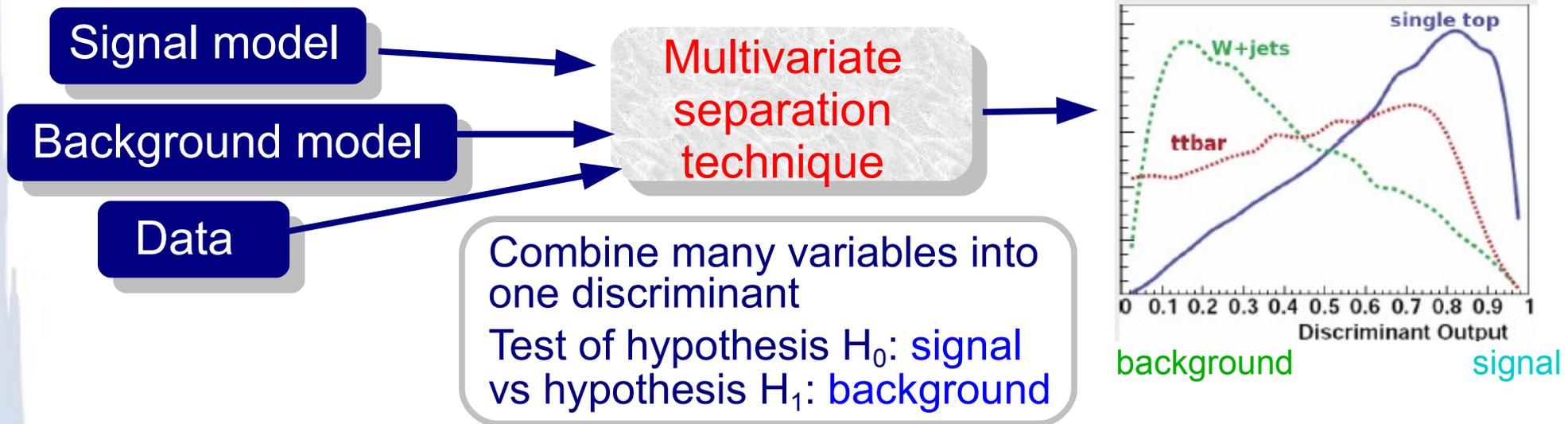
p-value:
Fraction of zero-signal ensemble datasets that give $\sigma \geq \sigma_{\text{meas}}$



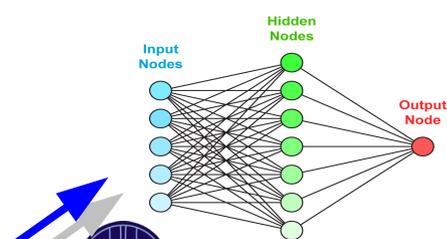
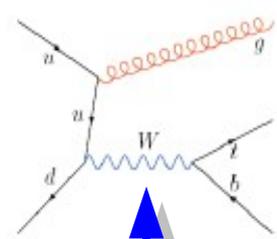
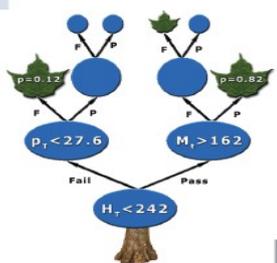
Likelihood ratio technique

$$Q = \frac{P(\text{data} | s + b, \hat{\theta})}{P(\text{data} | b, \hat{\theta})}$$

Signal from background separation



Boosted decision trees Matrix elements Neural Networks Likelihood function



$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{signal}} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\text{val}}} p_i^{\text{signal}}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{\text{val}}} p_i^{\text{signal}} + \sum_{m=1}^{n_{\text{bkg}}} \prod_{i=1}^{n_{\text{val}}} p_i^m \times a^m}$$



Combined analysis

t-channel + s-channel = one single-top signal
cross section ratio is fixed to SM value.
important for „observation“ and $|V_{tb}|$ test

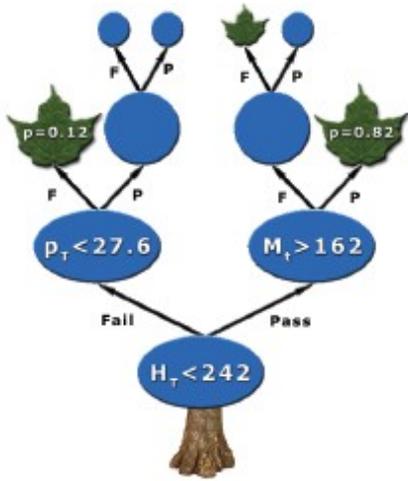


Separate search

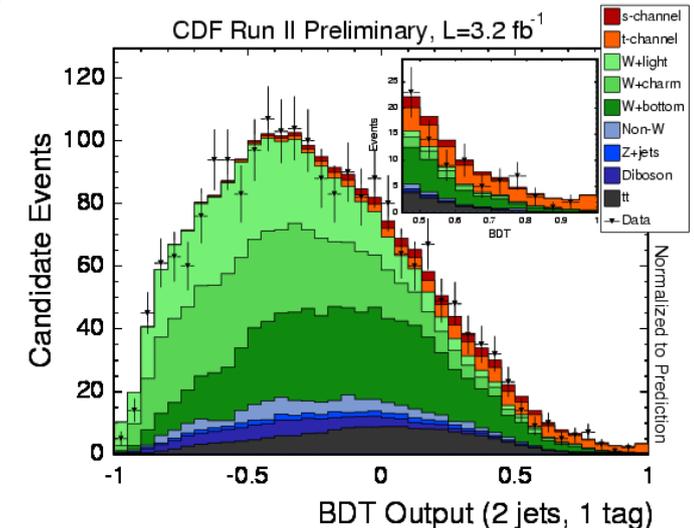
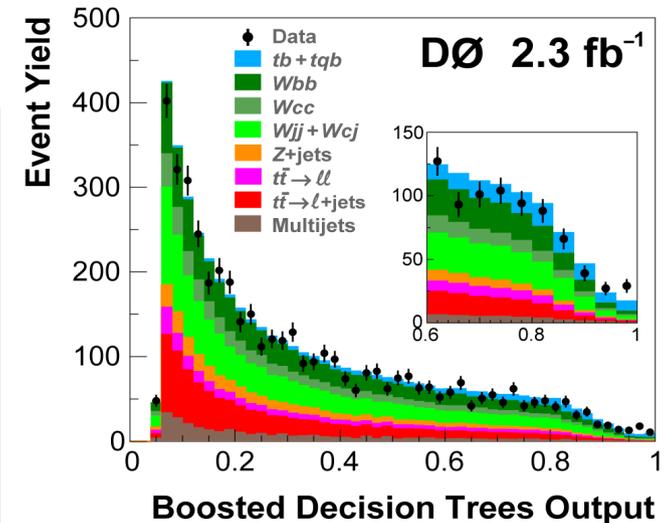
consider t-channel and s-channel as separate processes
important for new physics search



Boosted Decision Trees

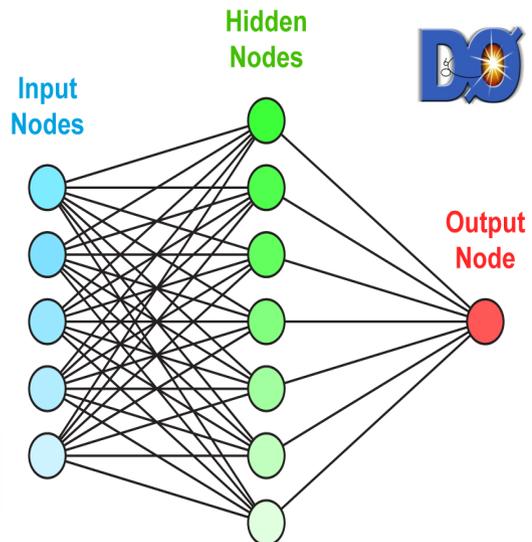


- Cut based technique
- Does not reject events that fail the cuts
- Boosting – averaging over many trees – improves performance and stability
- Adding additional input variables does not degrade performance
- D0: 64, CDF: 20 input variables



	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]	Significance		σ_{s+t} [pb]
		Exp.	Obs.	
	2.3	4.3 σ	4.6 σ	3.7 ^{+1.0} _{-0.8}
	3.2	5.2 σ	3.5 σ	2.1 ^{+0.7} _{-0.6}

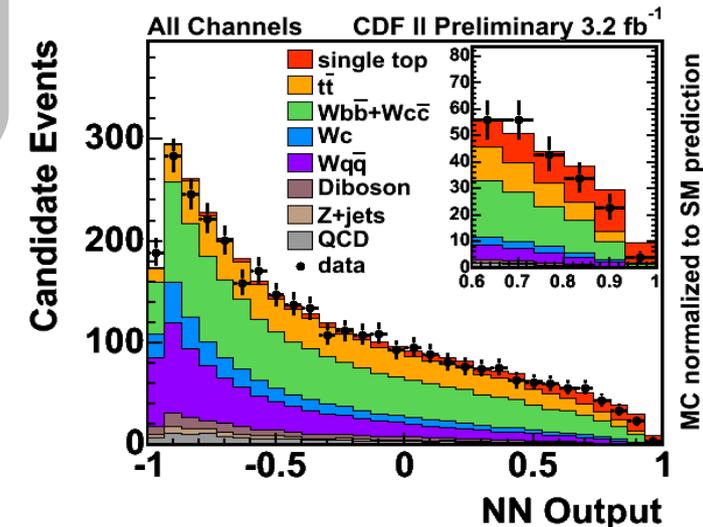
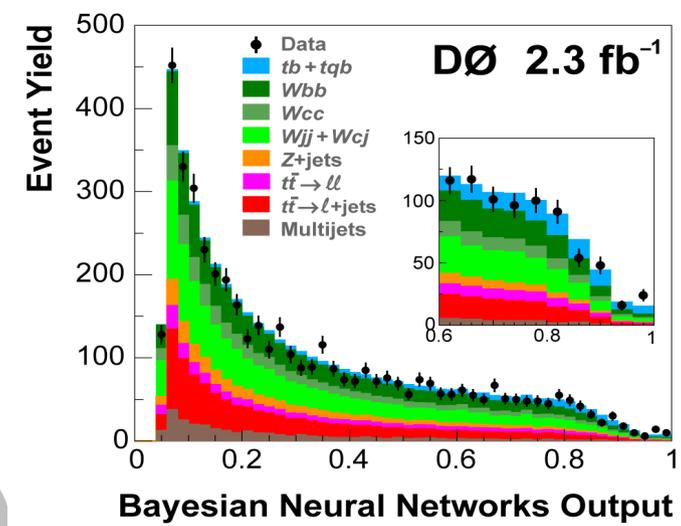
Neural Networks



Bayesian NN

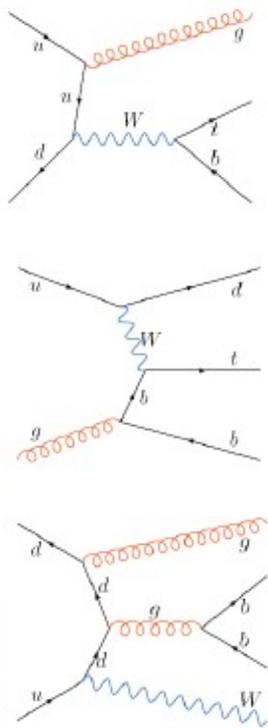
- Weighted average over hundreds of networks
- Better stability
- Immune to overtraining
- 18-25 input variables

- 4 networks
- Each divided into 2 channels according to the trigger
- 14 variables

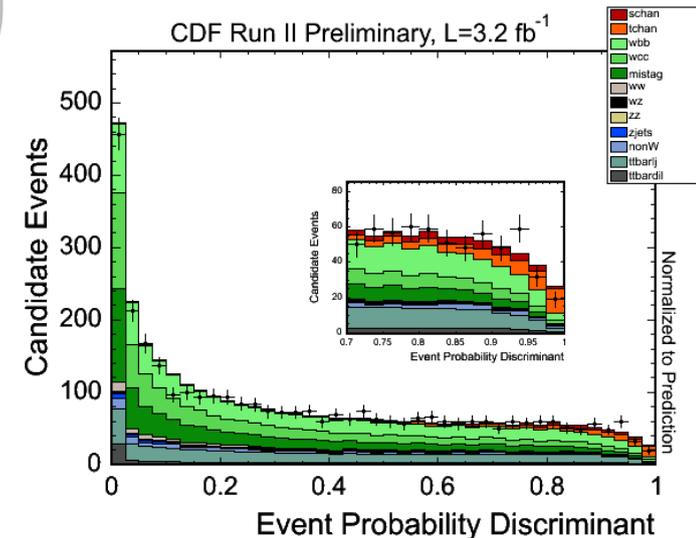
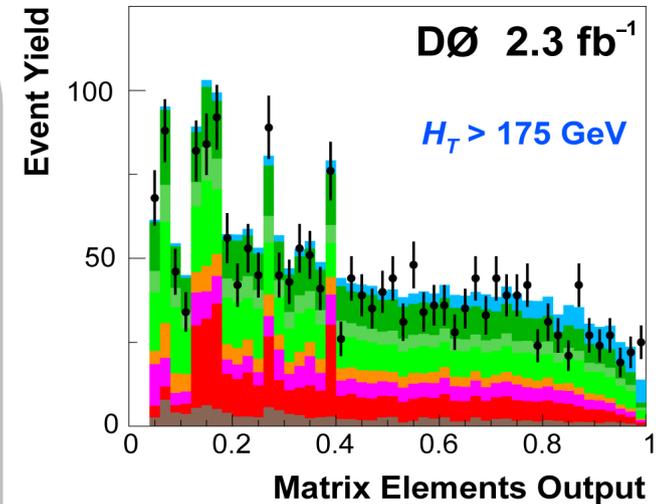


	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]	Significance		σ_{s+t} [pb]
		Exp.	Obs.	
	2.3	4.1 σ	5.2 σ	4.7 ^{+1.2} _{-0.9}
	3.2	5.2 σ	3.5 σ	1.8 ^{+0.6} _{-0.6}

Matrix Elements



- Given 4-vectors of reconstructed lepton and jets compute event probability density for signal and background hypothesis
- Probability calculation ingredients:
 - LO matrix elements (s, t, $Wb\bar{b}$, $Wc\bar{c}$, $Wc\bar{j}$, $Wg\bar{g}$, $t\bar{t}$, ...)
 - Parton Density Functions
 - Detector resolution effects
- Improve performance by
 - D0: splitting samples by H_T into $t\bar{t}$ and W +jets dominated regions
 - CDF: weighting events by jet flavor probability



	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]	Significance Exp.	Obs.	σ_{s+t} [pb]
	2.3	4.1 σ	5.0 σ	4.3 ^{+1.0} _{-1.2}
	3.2	4.9 σ	4.3 σ	2.5 ^{+0.7} _{-0.6}

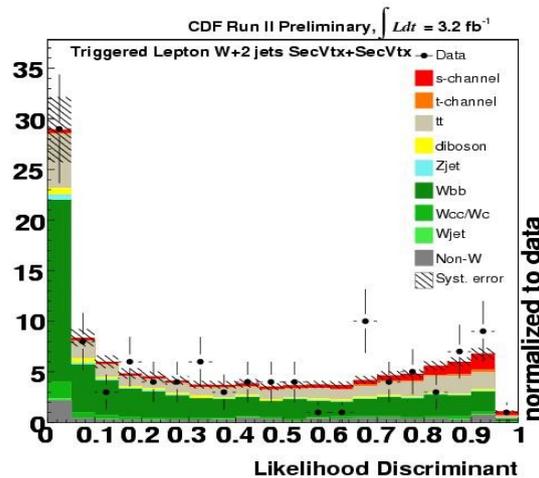


Multivariate Likelihood Function

$$\mathcal{L}^{signal} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{sig}} P_i^{signal}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n_{sig}} P_i^{signal} + \sum_{m=1}^{n_{bkg}} \prod_{i=1}^{n_{sig}} P_i^m \times a^m}$$

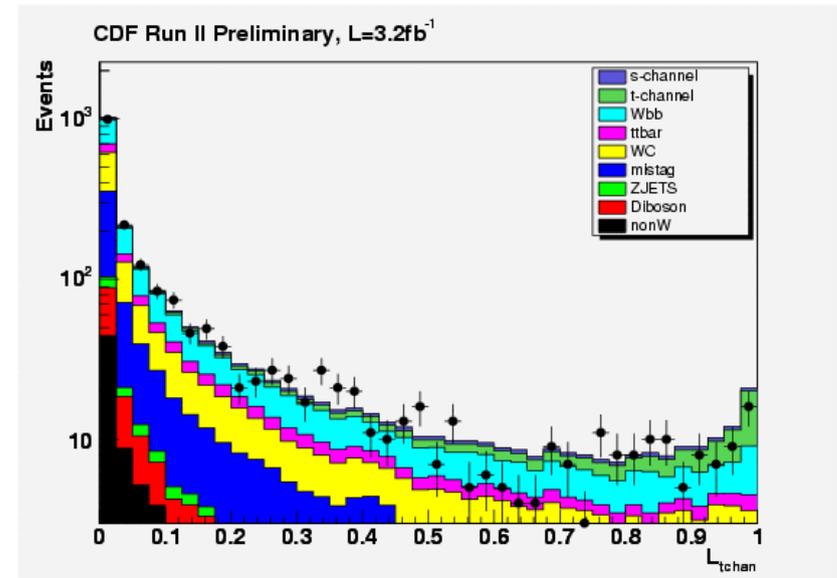
Combine many variables into a likelihood function

s-channel



- Events with 2 *b*-tags
- 2 classes: *tt* and *W+HF*
- 9-10 variables

t-channel likelihood



- Signal template built for t-channel
- 4 background classes: *Wbb*, *Wcc/Wc*, *tt*, mistags
- 7 (10) variables in 2 (3) jet bin to isolate t-channel contribution

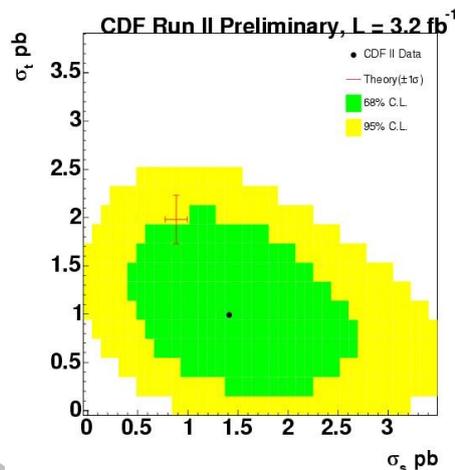
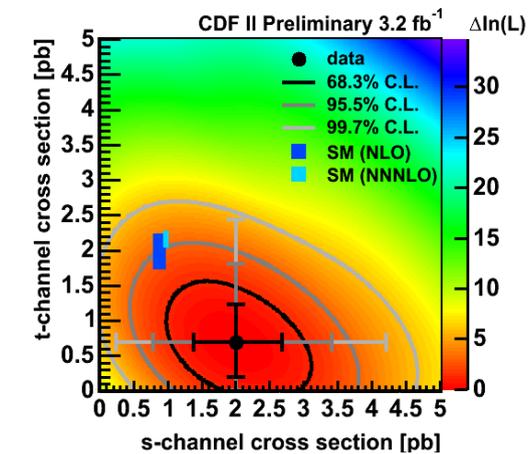
II	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]	Significance		σ_{s+t} [pb]
		Exp.	Obs.	
LF	3.2	4.0 σ	2.4 σ	1.6 ^{+1.0} _{-0.8}
s-channel	3.2	1.1 σ	2.0 σ	1.5 ^{+0.9} _{-0.8}



More results...

Separate search using NN

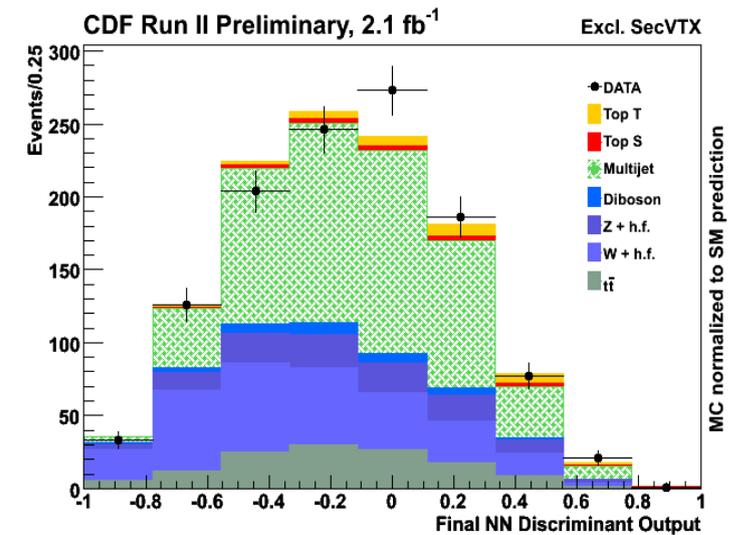
- 5 networks, 2 outputs combined into 2D discriminant in 2j1tag channel



	σ (pb)	
s-ch	$2.0^{+0.7}_{-0.6}$	1.4
t-ch	$0.7^{+0.5}_{-0.5}$	1.0

Simultaneous fit of σ_s and σ_t (LF)

MET+ jets combined search



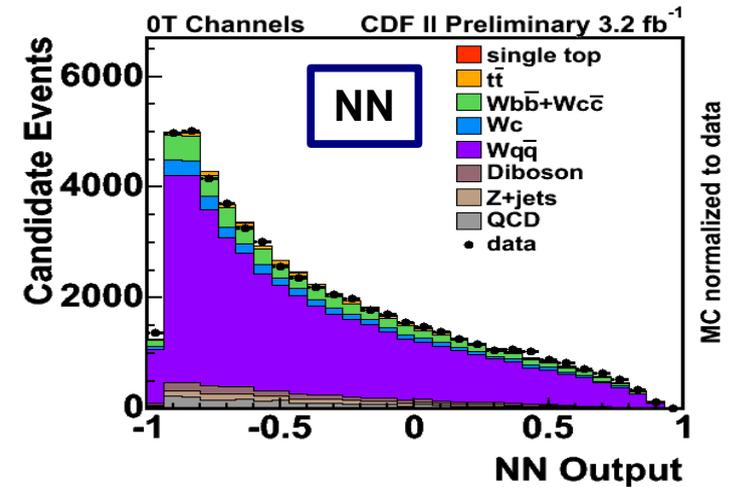
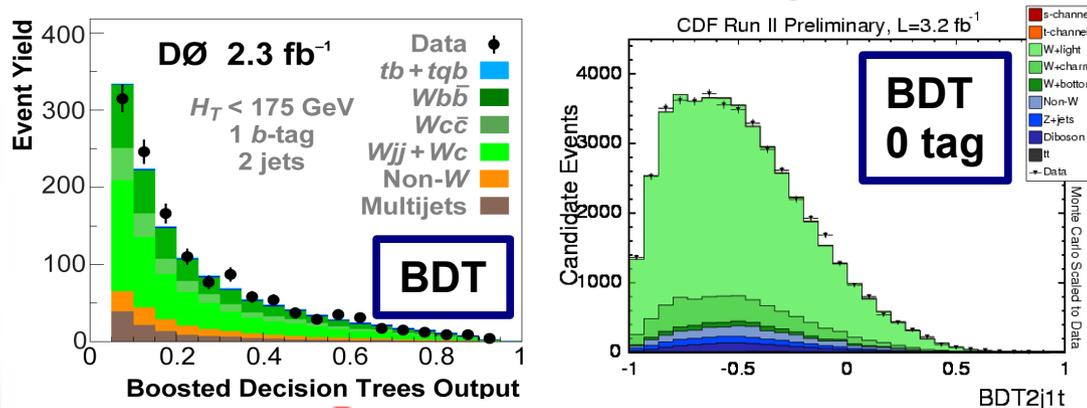
	\mathcal{L}	Significance		σ_{s+t}
	[fb ⁻¹]	Exp.	Obs.	[pb]
\cancel{E}_T +jets	2.1	1.4 σ	2.1 σ	$4.9^{+2.5}_{-2.2}$

Cross check samples

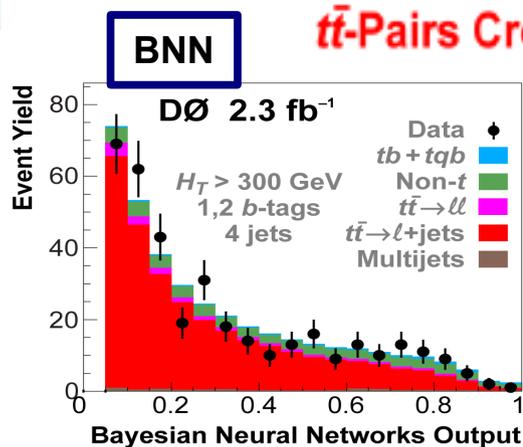
Cross checks of discriminant performance using samples depleted in signal

- Untagged (high statistics)
- W+jets ($n_j=2$, 1 b -tag, $H_T(l,\nu,jets) < 175$ GeV)
- $t\bar{t}$ dominated ($n_j=4$, ≥ 1 b -tag, $H_T > 300$ GeV)

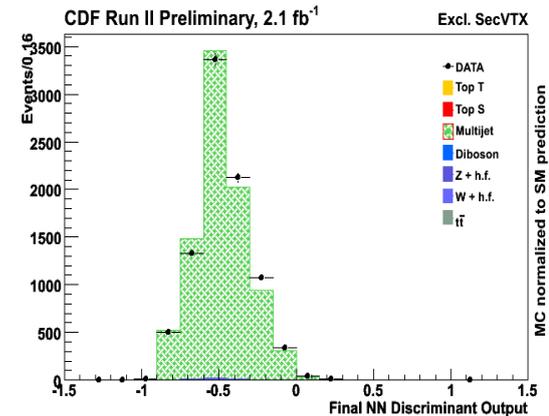
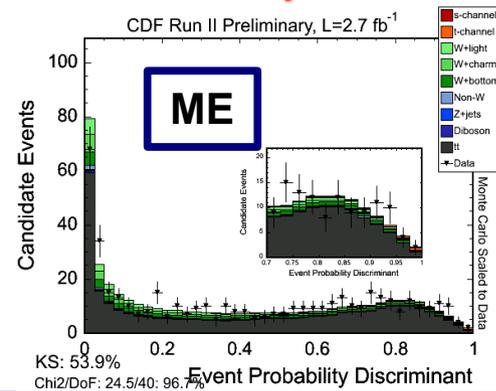
W+Jets Cross-Check Sample



MET + jets
QCD enriched sample



t \bar{t} -Pairs Cross-Check Sample



Combinations

Choose a priori to quote combination result as main



NeuroEvolution of Augmenting Topologies

- NN trained to give best expected p -value
- Optimizes network topology, inter-node weights, output binning
- Inputs: **5 l+jets discriminants (BDT, ME, NN, LF, SLF), MET+ jets**
- Sensitivity: $5.2\sigma \rightarrow >5.9\sigma$

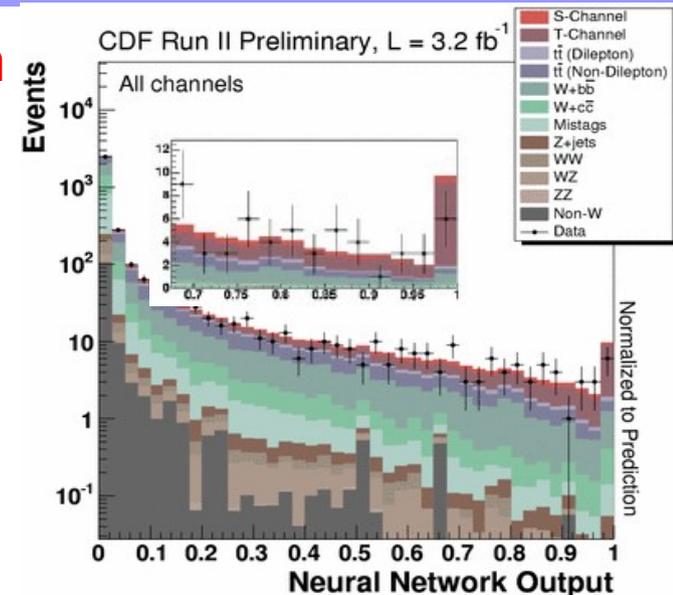


Bayesian Neural Network

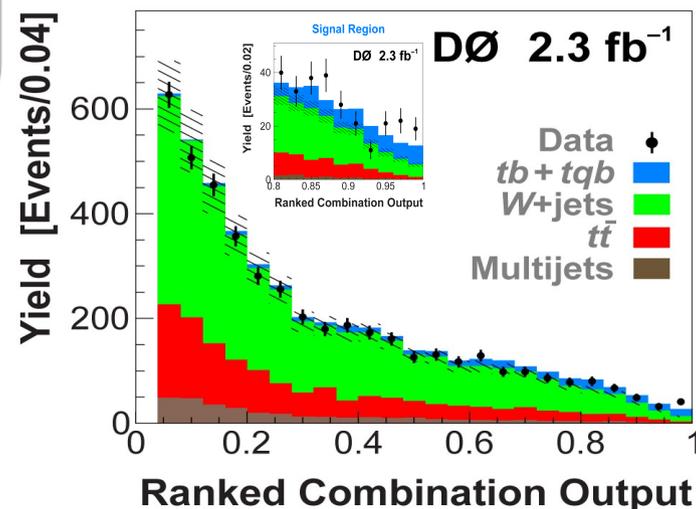
- Inputs: **3 discriminants (BDT, ME, NN)**
- 57÷74% correlation
- Sensitivity: $4.3\sigma \rightarrow 4.5\sigma$

	\mathcal{L} [fb ⁻¹]	Significance		σ_{s+t} [pb]
		Exp.	Obs.	
	2.3	4.5σ	5.0σ	$3.9^{+0.9}_{-0.9}$
	3.2	5.9σ	5.0σ	$2.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5}$

Observation !!



Final Discriminant



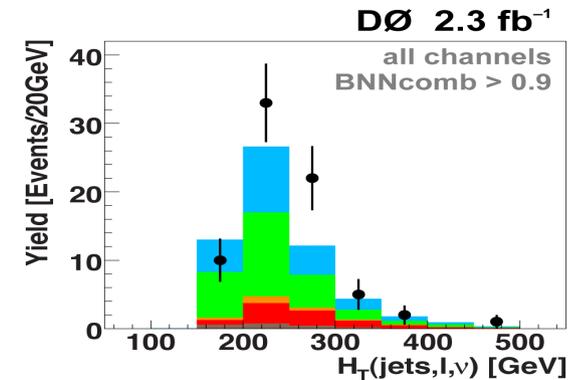
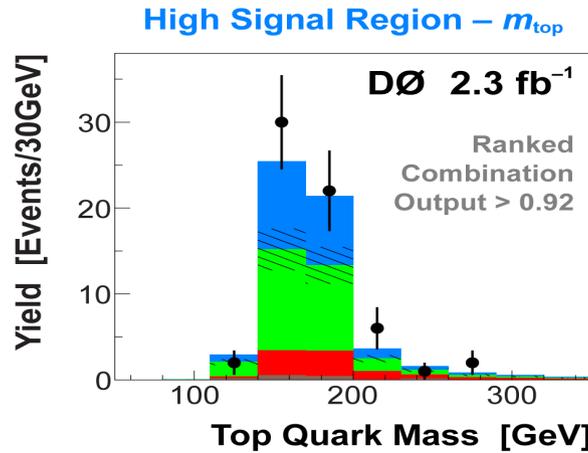
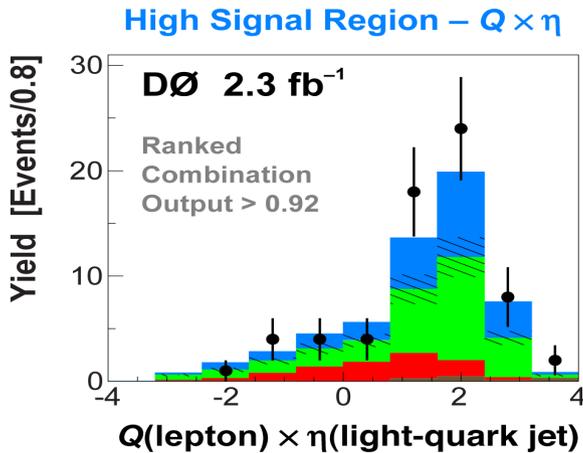
Can we see it?

Look at high discriminant regions



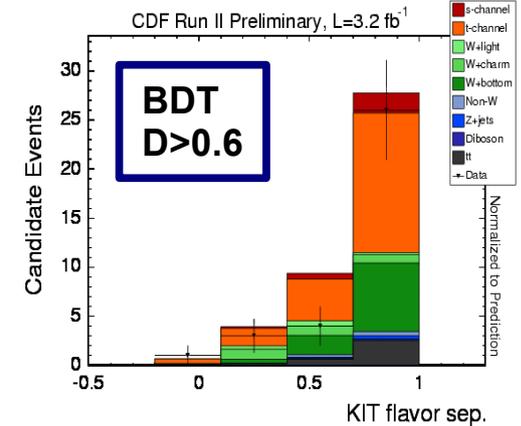
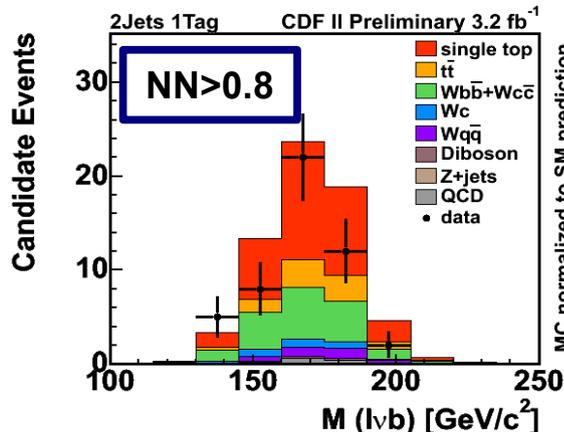
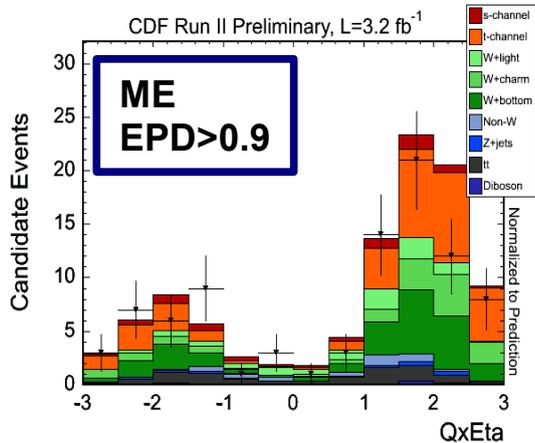
BNN combined D > 0.92, all channels

Signal normalized to measured σ

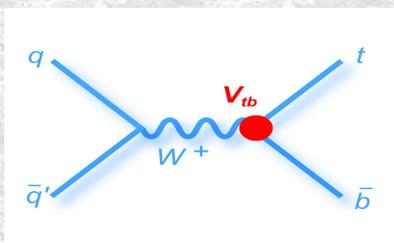


The most sensitive channel: 2 jets, 1 b-tag

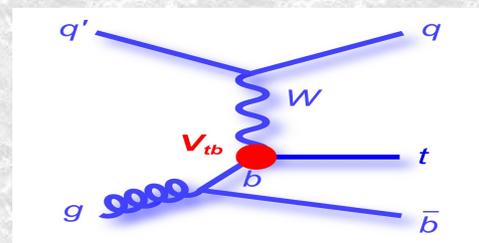
Signal normalized to expected SM σ



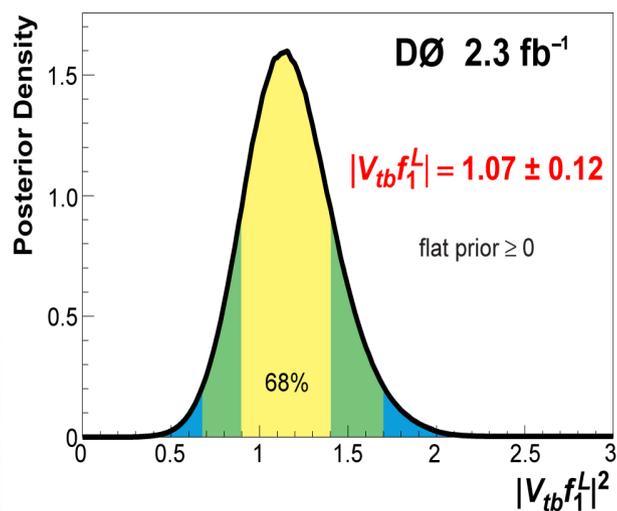
Measurement of $|V_{tb}|$



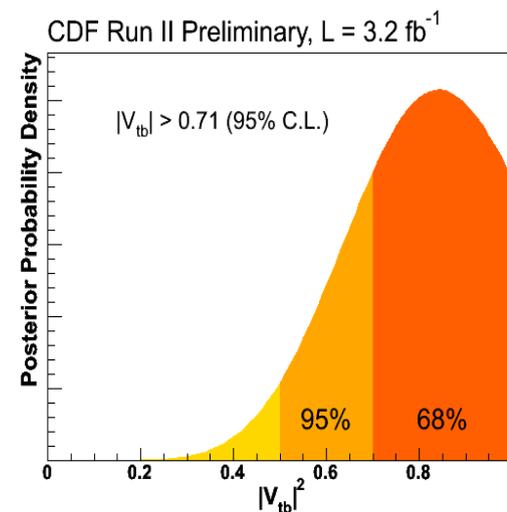
$$|V_{tb, meas}|^2 = \frac{\sigma_{meas}}{\sigma_{SM}} |V_{tb, SM}|^2$$



- Assume $|V_{td}|^2 + |V_{ts}|^2 \ll |V_{tb}|^2$, SM (V-A) and CP conserving Wtb vertex
- No assumption on the number of quark families or CKM unitarity



Additional Systematic Uncertainties for the $ V_{tb} $ Measurement	
DØ 2.3 fb ⁻¹	
For the $tb+qb$ theory cross section	
Top quark mass	4.2%
Parton distribution functions	3.0%
Factorization scale	2.4%
Strong coupling α_s	0.5%



$|V_{tbf_1^L}| = 1.07 \pm 0.11$ (sys+th)
 $|V_{tb}| > 0.78$ at 95% CL

$|V_{tb}| = 0.91 \pm 0.11$ (sys) ± 0.07 (th)
 $|V_{tb}| > 0.71$ at 95% CL



Summary

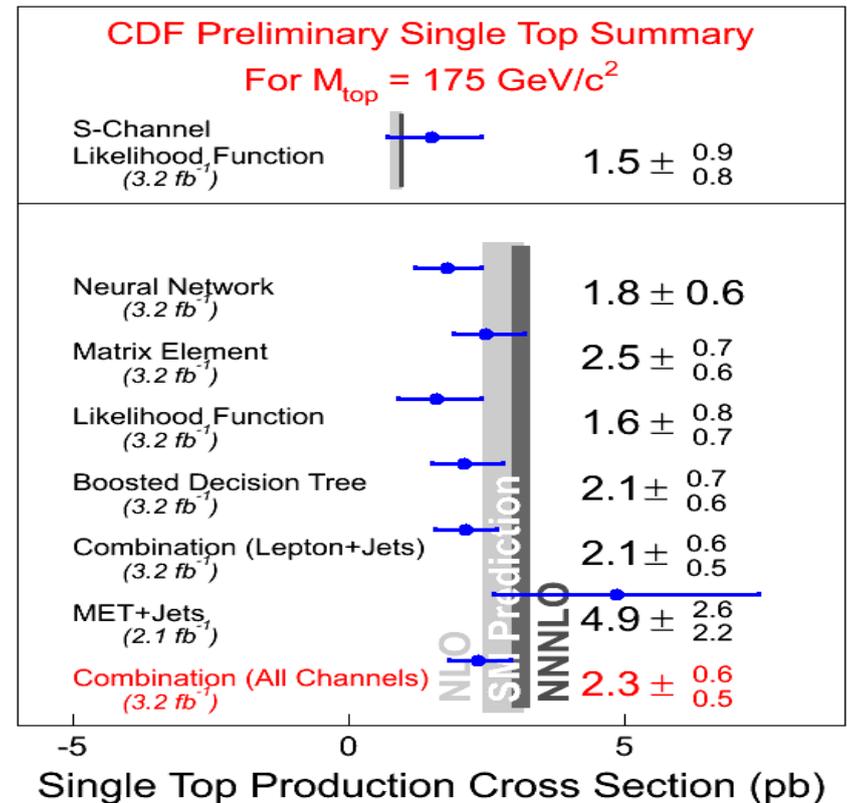
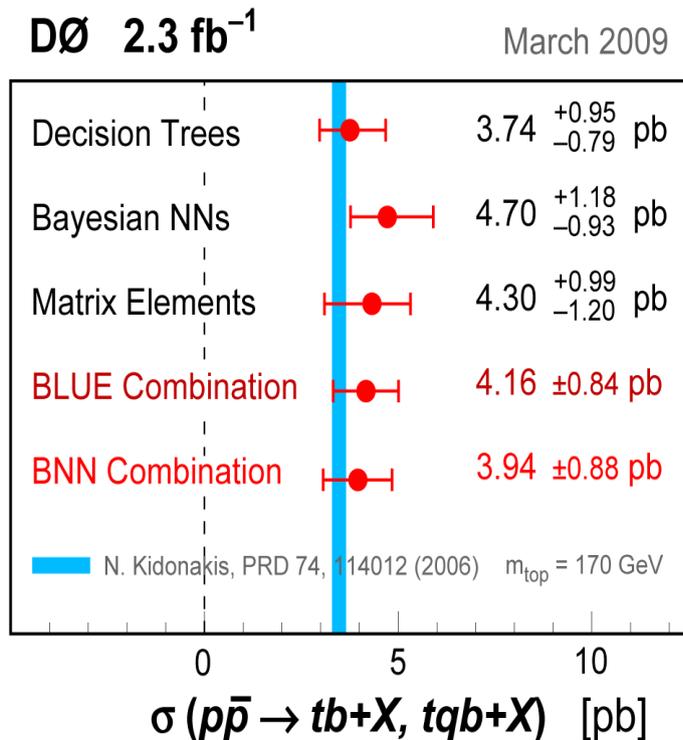
- Single top quark production has been observed at Tevatron by CDF and D0 with signal significance of 5σ
- Both cross section and $|V_{tb}|$ measurements agree with SM

Submitted to PRL



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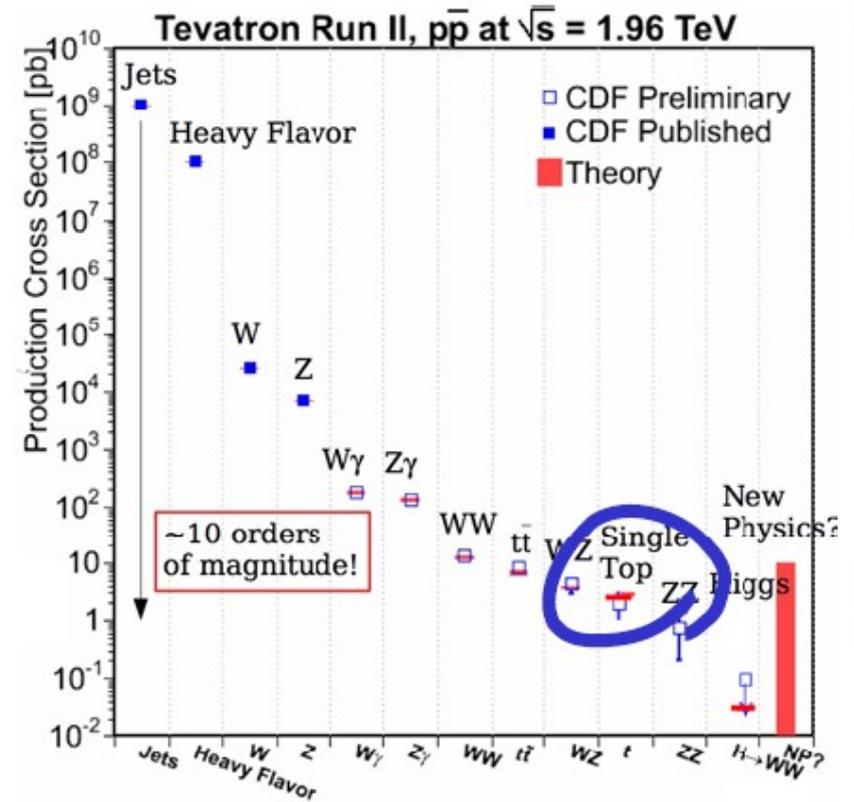


Outlook

This is just the beginning of the single top physics

- Precise measurements of σ_t and σ_s
- Top quark polarization
 - talks by Ji-Eun Jung and B.Casal in this session
- Search for Anomalous Top quark couplings
 - Combination with W helicity from $t\bar{t}$ (in this session talk by R.Schwienhorst)
- W' and H[±] searches
- Top production through FCNC

From R.Wallny's Wine and Cheese talk, 03/10/2009



Milestone in the race for Higgs Boson !

Public web sites

More details can be found on the public pages of the experiments:



http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/physics/new/top/public_singletop.html



http://www-d0.fnal.gov/Run2Physics/top/singletop_observation

Backup

$$\Gamma_{Wtb}^\mu = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} \left\{ \gamma^\mu [f_1^L P_L + f_1^R P_R] - \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu}}{M_W} (p_t - p_b)_\nu [f_2^L P_L + f_2^R P_R] \right\}$$